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The following annual reports were ordered to be printed:

## REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

While the Recording Secretary has been able personally to discharge the duties of his office during the year, he is indebted to the Assistant Librarian, William J. Fox, for indispensable cooperation, for which grateful acknowledgment is due. As was the case last year, the statistics of administration have been prepared by Mr. Fox.

Dr. J. Percy Moore and Dr. Philip P. Calvert have placed the Secretary under obligation by acting as Recording Secretary during the earlier meetings of the Academy and the Council, for which sincere thanks are given. The By-Laws provide for the closing of the academic year with the last of November. Since that period last year meetings have been held on December 18, 1917; January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 9th, April 16th and November 16th of the current year.

The meeting of April 9th was held in commemoration of the President, Samuel Gibson Dixon, M.D., LL.D., Sc.D., who died February 2d. Dr. Dixon had been elected a member of the Academy February 25, 1890. He had served as President since 1896. The progress of the society during the twenty-two years which have since elapsed is Dr. Dixon's best memorial. Details of his services to science will be found in the proceedings of the memorial meeting held in April. As a mark of respect to the memory of Dr. Dixon the election of his successor in the presidency was by resolution postponed until the annual meeting.

Communications were made at the meetings during the year by Messrs. Harley Stamp, Philip P. Calvert, James A. G. Rehn, Witmer Stone, Edwin G. Conklin, John Cadwalader, Benjamin F. Royer and Henry Skinner.

In addition to the Proceedings of the Dixon Memorial Meeting papers were presented for publication by Henry A. Pilsbry, F. J. Keeley, Henry W. Fowler, Anna M. Cullen, Janet P. Jameson, Mitchell Carroll, Joseph Hall Bodine, Bruce Wade, James A. G. Rehn and E. G. Vanatta.

The sixteenth volume of the Journal was completed by the publication of a beautifully illustrated paper by Clarence B. Moore on the aboriginal antiquities of Florida.

Three hundred and thirty-seven pages of the Proceedings were issued with five plates.

The Entomological Section (the American Entomological Society) has published four hundred and thirty-seven pages of the Transactions, illustrated by twenty-nine plates. Four hundred pages of the Entomological News, illustrated by twenty plates, have been issued.

Parts ninety-six and ninety-seven of the Manual of Conchology, comprising one hundred and eighty-eight pages, have been completed by Dr. Pilsbry and distributed.

Four members and seven correspondents have been elected. Their names are recorded in the Proceedings as issued.

The deaths of nine members were announced.

Resignation of membership by G. B. Heckel was accepted.

The death of Joseph Willcox, October 1st, deprived the Academy of the services of one who had been interested in the mineralogical work of the society since his election to membership in December, 1867. He had served for years as Custodian of the Isaac Lea collections, a position which he held at the time of his death.

The Ludwick Institute Free Lecture Courses were delivered at the Academy on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, January 7th to April 26th, by Witmer Stone, B. Franklin Royer, James A. G. Rehn, Spencer Trotter, Henry A. Pilsbry, J. Percy Moore and J. Fletcher Street. It was necessary early in the year, conforming to government regulations, to change the lectures scheduled for Monday evenings to Thursday evenings. To economize fuel it was also necessary to give a portion of the course in the more easily heated library hall. Ten of the lectures were on the natural history of Philadelphia and vicinity, especially adapted to school-children. The latter were by Messrs. Stone, Moore, Street, Pilsbry and Rehn.

Meetings of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society, the Babies' Welfare Association, and the Philadelphia Pediatric Society were held in the Lecture Hall.

Edward J. Nolan, Recording Secretary.